



GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

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LATIN FOR THE "NAKED TRUTH"

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Fellow Lions, spring is in the air and the motto of "We Serve" rings true with so many wonderful opportunities to assist and connect. Read below:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **MARCH 28 - FULL BOARD MEETING**
- **MARCH 28 - 5:30-7:30PM EYEGLASS RECYCLING OPEN HOUSE**
 - **GREAT OPPORTUNITY! LEARN ABOUT EACH STEP AND GET TRAINING!**
 - **WATCH THE VIDEO ON THIS TREMENDOUS PROJECT HERE:**
 - [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/XCRRTYVDYGE](https://youtu.be/xcrtyvdyge)
- **APRIL 4: GUEST DAY!! LUNCH MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB DOWNTOWN - 5/3 BLDG (TOP FLOOR) | 111 LYON ST NW | GRAND RAPIDS**
RSVP TO CHERYL BY 12NOON, FRIDAY MARCH 31 2023
 - **BRING A GUEST!**
 - **LEARN ABOUT THE RECENT MISSION TRIP TO AFRICA**
- **APRIL 15: 9AM-12NOON BUILD A BUILD VOLUNTEER DAY**
 - **READ MORE ON PAGE 4**
- **ON THE HORIZON:**
 - **MAY 18-20, 2023 MD 11 CONVENTION**
 - **VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER, MUSKEGON**
 - **LEARN MORE HERE:**
[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM/INDEX.PHP/MD11CONVENTION-23/MD11-STATE-CONVENTION-MAY-2023](https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11convention-23/md11-state-convention-may-2023)
 - **JUNE 6 - ANNUAL DINNER - WALLINWOOD SPRINGS GOLF CLUB**
 - **JUNE 19 - DRIVE FOR VISION**
 - **NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2023!**
 - **LEARN MORE: [DRIVEFORVISION.COM/](http://driveforvision.com/)**

Welcome Spring!



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT: DR GARY ANDERSON



As we look forward to our next in person Lions meeting on April 4, where we are asking everyone to invite a guest.

You may wonder what you tell someone about Lions when you invite them. "Volunteering to make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community" is kind of a general answer. What being a Lion member does for US individually is really the bonus of membership.

- 1.The feeling you have when you get the great feedback from the person you served. When you receive your Lion pin, you become a member. When you get that feeling of making a difference is when you become a Lion.
- 2.The leadership training and experiences helps us each to be better in our personal and professional lives.
- 3.The friendships you make crosses all the borders.

Normally, friendships are influenced by smaller circles of: economic status, geographical location, church, work, politics, hobbies.

In Lions, I have friends from different faiths, careers, states and countries, diets, professions, political persuasions, recreational interests, and none of that gets in the way. We celebrate all the differences as we are all Lions, serving those in need and having a lot of FUN while doing it!

Wear your pin. Invite someone to see how much fun they could have. April 4. Lions Kenya Mission program.

"Together We Can"

Gary Anderson

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GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:

APRIL 4 2023 LUNCH & LEARN



LEARN HOW YOU
CAN JOIN WITH
US IN HELPING
OUR COMMUNITY

Meet & greet club members,
enjoy lunch, and learn about
how together we can continue
to help our community to be
strong and thrive!

JOIN US
APRIL 4
12:15PM-1:30PM

University Club Grand Rapids
111 Lyon St NW # 1025,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP HERE:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/2023/03/08/april-4-2023-guest-day/>

SCAN THIS TO RSVP



BUILD-A-BED: APRIL 15 9AM-12NOON

Fellow Lions, below is a letter from Lion Brent Spoelstra, Rick Walker and Rick Stevens, covering this incredible need:

On March 7, 2023, our guest speaker at the Lions luncheon was our own District Governor Diane Wehby. Among other things, she spoke to us about a great opportunity to help the children of our Grand Rapids community. A non-profit organization called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (SHP) provides single beds and bunk beds for children ages 3-17 who otherwise might be sleeping on the floor.

There is an inspirational video about them on their website,
<http://www.shpbeds.org>

They build the beds from donated lumber, provide donated bedding (mattresses, sheets, blankets, and pillows), and deliver and set up the beds at the recipient's home. SHP enlists help from community organizations like us to accomplish their mission.

There are a number of SHP Chapters in western Michigan that hold "Builds" where volunteers perform tasks turning raw lumber into beds. These "Build" sessions last approximately 3 hours and produce, depending on volunteer turnout, dozens of beds ready for delivery to needy recipients. The tasks do not require special skills. Our Governor, Diane, said that "if (she) could do it anybody can." There will be a number of Builds taking place in the next couple months.

Our Grand Rapids Lions Club has committed to helping this cause.

As such, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to donate several of their weekend hours to construct these beds. All tools are provided. The work is done in an assembly line fashion, so attention to the task is required, lest the process falters. **Our first opportunity to help will be on Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 am to noon.** The indoor site is in the greater GR area. The coordinators are looking for 35-40 volunteers from our Lion District. Can our club step up? This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and family (adults) to our club activities. We're looking for 20 or more participants from our club.

Please contact us if you are willing to participate in this project. We will provide more details when they become available. While this project isn't necessarily "vision" related, the community benefits greatly from it. And isn't this what the Lions are about? "We Serve"

The "Build-a-Bed" committee:





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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB



Name: Kyle Travis

Profession: Financial Advisor at Stifel since 2008

Years as a Lion: 9 years.

Spouse/family:

Emily - my wife of 10 years & our children Madison (5) and Keegan (2)

Do you hold positions within the club?

I'm currently the Vice President. Prior to that, I've been on the board and have chaired the Drive for Vision committee

What is your favorite thing about being a Lion?

KT: The service we provide to those in our community. Though our local group is somewhat small, our impact is mighty.

What are the top 3 words that come to mind when you think of Lionism?

KT: Service, Social and Charitable.

Name your favorite movie, book, board game or all three:

KT: Would probably have to say 'The Shawshank Redemption' for Movie and 'The Richest Man in Babylon' for Book.

When not at Lions, what do you like to do for fun?

KT: I'm an avid golfer, runner and overall outdoor enthusiast. Any excuse to get outdoors and spend time with family and friends always tops my list.

What is a "secret" skill you have no one knows about?

KT: I was a All-American collegiate golfer (division 3.)

Where is your favorite place to travel?

KT: Northern Michigan is always one of my favorite places to be. But I'm also intrigued by wherever our next adventures takes us....we're heading to Costa Rica in a couple weeks, and I'm really looking forward to that.

LIONS ROAR!: MEMBER UPDATE SECTION



GR Lions Member, Attorney Shawn Eyestone, has been featured in the "2023 Notable West Michigan Lawyer" by the Grand Rapids Business Journal. You can read more about Shawn and his recognition here:

- <https://grbj.com/news/human-resources/2023-notable-west-michigan-lawyer-shawn-eyestone/>



Fellow Lions: Have something new in your life you would like to share? Time to shout it out! We are looking to be sure that if you have something you would like the Grand Rapids Lions Club family to know about - please let us know. Examples might be:

- New additions (kids, grandkids, marriages,)
- Business Happenings: Did you buy or sell a business? Retire? Start a new company?
- Awards, Career Updates, Illness or reason you need some extra support - we are here for you!!! Reach out and we can place in an upcoming newsletter.



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EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE: OPEN HOUSE AND WORK SESSION

Recently, Secretary Cheryl Anderson shared via email the following: "I am so excited to pass along to the Grand Rapids Lions members that the eyeglass recycling center will be re-opening for volunteering. The eyeglass committee would like the club to watch the video of our past mission trip to see the reason for the recycling project.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/xcRRtyvdygE>

Open House: March 28th from 5:30 to 7:30. | Studio 616 building at 4060 29th ST SE .

We will have each station manned to show / explain the function and processes we use and the part it plays in recycle program and mission team trips.

We will have a work session on April 11 (more to follow) and then we will be open every Tuesday thru May in order to supply inventory for a fall trip to Jamaica and a February trip to Suriname.

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LIONS: BE IN THE KNOW

DISTRICT 11-C1 NEWS

To find out more about news in our Lions Club District 11-C1 covering Lions in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, and Ottawa visit on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115990828419557>



STATE LION NEWS



To find out more about news in our Michigan Lions visit:

<http://lionsofmi.com/>



LIONS INTERNATIONAL



To find out more about news in Lions International visit:

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

Curious about eyeglass recycling locations around town?

We have the perfect "site" to restore your sight For an

interactive map visit:

<https://www.grandrapidslionsclub.org/glasses-drop-off/>

"Flowers are the music of the ground.
From earth's lips spoken without sound."

— Edwin Curran

Happy Birthday!

BOB YOUNGER 3/6

TIM TUTHILL 3/9

JAMES BAIRD 3/18

TONY ZOELLNER 3/20

ANN ZOELLNER 3/27

JEFF DODSON 4/7

JEAN KRAAI 4/18

JACQUELINE SMART-PARRISH 4/24

GAIL JUNOD 4/24



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